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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 8 and 9 have been added. Claim 8 defines the friction increasing silicate as talcum, see section [0013] of the specification. Talcum is a naturally occurring mineral in particulate deform. In Claim 9 the silicate has been omitted.

The rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Krasner in view of Krinski et al. is respectfully traversed. Krinski does not disclose friction increasing additives to adhesives in the form of silicates, but only the use of a liquid silicate as an adhesive. Respectfully, the Examiner does not appear to credit the fact that there is a fundamental difference between mechanical friction, on the one hand, and viscosity of a fluid, on the other hand.

What is desired for the present case is a mechanical friction between two solid layers of the card. It is the effect of sand between two surfaces. What the Examiner addresses at the bottom of page 2 is viscosity, which describes the resistance of a fluid to deform under shear stress. An example of a friction increasing material (which is also mentioned in the present specification) is sand (in a drive). An example of a viscosity increasing material is paste (dissolved in water). While sand will mechanically hinder or stop relative movements of adjacent parts and is not suited to changing viscosity, paste will not hinder movements, but will act as a lubricant.

The water glass adhesives disclosed by Krinski are silicate solutions having adhesive properties. The silicates are not additives but are the adhesive.

No issues remaining, applicants respectfully solicit a Notice of Allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3881. If an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-3881. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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